



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20207

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
December 10, 2003
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, Maryland

Chairman Hal Stratton convened the December 10, 2003, meeting of the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in open session noting that a quorum was present. Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall was present. Commissioner Thomas H. Moore was absent.

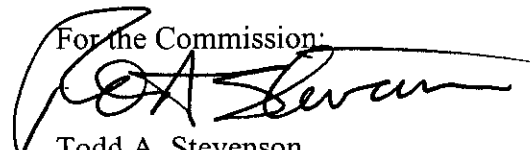
AGENDA ITEM: Petition HP 00-2, Requesting Rule Declaring Natural Rubber Latex a Strong Sensitizer

The Commission was briefed on this matter by the staff, Suzanne Barone, Ph.D., Project Manager for Poison Prevention, Directorate for Health Sciences, and Patricia M. Pollitzer, Office of General Counsel, on the staff's recommendation to that the Commission deny the petition that requests rulemaking to add natural rubber latex (NRL) products to the list of strong sensitizers under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act and be labeled to the accordingly, and toys and other articles intended for children, which contain NRL, be labeled. (Ref: staff briefing package dated October 10, 2003.) The staff also responded to questions from the Commission.

The Commission heard the Secretary read the written comments from the petitioner, Debra M. Adkins, and heard a presentation by commenter, Dr. Esah S. Yip of the Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council. (The comments and presentation are available from the Office of the Secretary.) The Commission further offered questions and discussed the issue with Dr. Yip.

Chairman Stratton and Commissioner Gall agreed to decide that the issue at a future decision meeting.

There being no further business on the agenda, Chairman Stratton adjourned the meeting.

For the Commission:

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Secretary to the Commission

Attachments